



# DAILY CONSTITUTION.

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## DEFINITE REPUTATION.

To LAWYERS.—A full report of the decisions of the Supreme Court is furnished to The Constitution by its Reporter of the Court.

To COMPROMISES.—We do not need money, but we do need compromises. The same old stories the winter are indispensable. Subject compromises we can not undertake either to return or prevent.

GENERAL TRAVELING AGENTS:  
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## ATLANTA:

Thursday Morning, May 21, 1874.

## BREVITIES.

Gold closed in New York at 12½<sup>12</sup>.  
Cotton closed in New York at 18½.  
Liverpool at 8½.

The city of New York owes the comfortable little sum of \$136,317,503. Other cities may take courage.

The Baltimore Board of Trade will erect on Cape San Roque a light-house as a memorial to the late Commodore Maury.

Virginia papers say that never since the war has the tide of Northern emigration set so strongly toward that State as at the present.

The first lady doctor in Holland has just passed her examination. The candidate was Miss Jacobs, and she has obtained her diploma at Groningen.

Speaking of General Butler's illness, a Washington scribe says: "Eighteen of laborious sin each day and six hours of troubled sleep demand forte."

The Philadelphia school board now prohibits the pupils in the public schools from taking home their books. The boys and girls must study only at school.

Forty-seven convent libraries, containing 600,016 volumes, have been appropriated by the Italian government, under the conditions of the religious corporations act.

Disraeli is said to have formed a warm friendship for the Duchess of Edinburgh, who, he declares, is the most gifted and cultivated lady, of any age or country, that he has ever met.

A fashion writer is "happy to state that all sorts of tomfoolery in dress is becoming obsolete." We hope this new departure will taboo buttons. Too much of our valuable life is wasted in buttoning and unbuttoning.

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Prof. Locoma, of Yale College, like ex-President Caswell, of Brown University, has been making comparisons between the April which has just left us and its predecessor of 96 years, and finds that it had a mean temperature of six degrees below the average of any of them.

The late Dr. Castlen's life insurance policy for \$5,000 has been settled at \$2,500. The insured failed to pay some arrears, and the "Ezna Life" of Hartford claimed that this annulled the whole bargain.

The rules were suspended in the House on Tuesday to pass a bill authorizing the President to furnish rations and clothing for the starving and destitute people of the Tombigbee, Warrior and Alabama rivers. The bill was passed—yeas 68.

The Amerika, a German paper of St. Louis, is glad that the Arkansas troubles have at last been settled, and says that "the carpet-bagging fraternity of that State will now have to make up their minds that the days of their rule have been numbered."

The Athens Watchman, from extensive personal observation, and other intelligence, does not hesitate to declare that the wheat crop of Northeast Georgia will be one of the best, both in quantity and quality, that the land has ever grown. Oats look equally as well, and the area sown is unusually large.

It is now proposed, says the St. Louis Times, to put Garrison Wilshire in the seat of the demoralized and belied Clayton. Mr. Wilshire stood by Governor Baxter during the whole of the Brooks rebellion—the only member of the Arkansas delegation who had the courage and sense to resist Clayton's approaches.

GENERAL SHERMAN and Secretary Belknap have not got on well together for some time. The feeling of jealousy has culminated in the President's signature to an order transferring the army headquarters from Washington to St. Louis. Cujo is furious, but Sherman is jubilant. He will not leave Washington to establish the army headquarters in St. Louis until October. The bulk of the army is stationed west of the Mississippi, and in case of an Indian war, army operations can be better directed from St. Louis than from Washington. It is this the first step towards the removal of the whole concern?

FOURTY NINE representatives, from the States of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee and Arkansas, were present at the recent meeting held in Washington for the purpose of considering the question of the refunding of the cotton tax. Mr. Lamar, of Mississippi, presided. Three bills are now pending, but it is believed that the bill offered by Mr. White, of Alabama, will be agreed upon. It provides for the appointment of commissioners to determine whether the tax has been paid, and makes the receipt of the internal revenue officials prima facie evidence of payment. In each proven case of payment, bonds are to be issued. The subject was referred by the meeting to a committee, who expect to report soon. Mr. Cook, of Georgia, is the chairman of the committee.

**A Monument to Poe.**  
We understand that some money—how much we do not know—has been received by Paul H. Hayne, the poet, and entrusted to the protected monument scheme with split. Poe has a tenacious hold upon the imagination of the younger generation of readers of the present day, and is a credit to the country. He was restive, ungrateful, pettishly passionate. All that remains of him is the fruits of a strong original genius, and while we cannot admire the man we would be glad to see the author—where Poe was not born, as generally believed, but lived many years to the monument to the poet and writer.—Baltimore Gazette.

# ATLANTA, May 21.

The Atlanta correspondent of the Augusta Chronicle writes:

It is said with a great degree of probability that several failures will occur in this city before a great while among young men. Money is very scarce, and it is believed that the business community is critically situated than it was during the financial crisis last fall. This stringency in the money market is said to be occasioned by the sudden advance in cotton. Parties are withholding their cotton with the expectation of realizing an enormous profit, and when the market is疲倦, the cotton will be in this city. It is said, has invited one hundred thousand dollars to cotton, and is patiently waiting for it to advance to a higher figure. Another cause of the scarcity of money is said to be the constant demand of the State on the banks for money to pay the interest on maturing bonds.

We clip the foregoing paragraph from the Savannah Advertiser, where it appeared with all the prominence that lead type could give. Our Augusta and Savannah contemporaries seem to be merciless. If they would consider the number of conventions and congresses that we have recently borne without a single murmur, they would not turn from their goblets and a by no means unequal contest with the voracious mosquito, to wantonly attack an infounding city. For them and the common good we have endured much, and we feel that we deserve a more generous treatment.

The excellent young gentleman who penned the paragraph in question is closely confined to his desk at the seat of customs. His duties are very exacting, and on that account his information is somewhat limited. If he will take an hour this morning and go among his acquaintances in the stores and banks, he can readily ascertain that he has been sadly misled. We cannot believe that he wrote the note for the sake of creating a sensation; we think too highly of him for that. If he did, he did not hit the mark; for, wherever the facts are known the article creates a shock at his expense.

There is no probability that a single fair lure will occur in this city before a great while among young merchants." From October to the present hour, merchants have met their paper with unprecedented promptness,—a fact that the Chronicle's correspondent can easily ascertain. The jobbing trade of the city was never more prosperous; and we declare that the cash trade of the present time is a marvel, a complete astonisher, to all concerned. It indicates, not only the healthful condition of Atlanta, but also that of the State generally.

Investments are generally perfect at this season of the year, and money is closer than it will be later in the year; but it is not so close now than it usually is at this season. Considerable money is being placed to-day at 10 to 12 per cent, and the extreme rate is 18 per cent.

We are credibly informed by gentlemen in positions to know, that not a bank in the city has a dollar invested in cotton. Nor do we understand how a stringency in our money market can be occasioned by an advance in cotton. The jobbing trade of the city was never more prosperous; and we declare that the cash trade of the present time is a marvel, a complete astonisher, to all concerned. It indicates, not only the healthful condition of Atlanta, but also that of the State generally.

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The Alabama State Debt.

The Mobile Register claims that Alabama

can easily handle her present debt, if the

Government is put in the hands of honest

men, of the tax-payers—in other words, into

the hands of the Democratic party. The

Register states the debt in these figures:

Bonded debt..... \$ 6,423,860

Trust debt..... 2,862,691

New interest bearing notes..... 1,01,000

Straight bonds to A. & C. R. R. .... 2,000,000

Straight bonds to Mont. & Env. R. .... 3,00,000

Total actual liability..... \$12,641,697

Amount railroad bonds endorsed..... 15,356,000

Actual and contingent debt..... \$39,032,07

This amount will be swelled to \$30,000,000

by the time the Legislature meets in November, on account of deferred interest and non-payment of public school claims.

The Register then proceeds to cut down this immense sum to \$14,000,000—on paper—

which it does in this way: the mineral lands of the Alabama and Chattanooga road are good for the \$3,000,000 of bonds issued to them; the State should not lose a dollar in the sale of the Montgomery and Mobile road, and the remaining \$18,895,000 of contingent liability can be changed, either by a sale of the roads or by a compromise, into an actual liability of \$4,000,000—an actual liability of \$16,000 a mile. Such a settlement has been consummated with the South and North road, in which instance an endorsed debt of \$4,026,000 was substituted by an actual debt of \$1,000,000.

If the State can fund the \$14,000,000 at six per cent, the annual expense should be:

Interest on bonded debt..... \$ 870,000

Other expenses of State Government..... \$50,000

Total revenue required..... \$1,020,000

This amount can be raised by a tax of nine mills on the dollar; and the Register believes that the needed revenue can be collected by an honest and efficient government with a reduction of the present rate of taxation.

Sigars are not wanting that the people of Alabama have determined to rescue their fair State from the hands of the spoiler. The agricultural and commercial prosperity, as well as the credit and honor, of the State depend upon the result of the coming election. Nearly every office is to be filled, and the tax-payers are preparing to put in them honest men and true Democrats.

**A DALTON CLAIM.**

Father Mulvily has been here with a view to urging the passage of the bill appropriating \$4,000,000 to the Catholic Church at Dalton, proposed by Federal troops. He was advised by the Georgia delegation not to press the matter now, as the Committee on Claims would be certain to report the bill adversely. Acting upon this advice he has decided to await a more propitious season.

**FATHER MULVILLY.**

Gen. Dudley M. DuBois, who accompanied General Toombs to Washington is still in the city, but will start homeward next week.

Senator Norwood's speech on the civil rights bill is highly complimented here. Gen. Roper, of Confederate States cavalry, renews, is in the city.

THOMAS HAUCK.

# COOTANALA.

By its editorial correspondence of The Atlanta Constitution.

## Bill for its Improvement Before Congress.

Completed at the 430th Mile—A

Crowded Audience.

At midnight last night Edward Payson Weston exhibited his exhibition of endurance and, although the result was not such as he had anticipated to obtain, yet it was sufficient satisfaction to meet with the applause and approbation of the public generally. The said Weston proposed to accomplish what he had done in a space of 115 miles in the space of twenty-four hours, and the balance of the 600 in the following day. Weston carried off the palm of victory in successfully performing the first named undertaking, establishing himself forever in the annals of the world as a man of endurance. The result of his present exertion is, in the second part of his performance, however, he was not so fortunate, for he failed to cover the requisite number of miles, 325, in the succeeding five days. He succeeded, however, in covering up 430, being seventy short of his required distance. The distance he failed to cover was, however, a complete success, consisting of the rucking up of the sole of his left boot on Monday afternoon, which caused two cracks to open in the ball of the foot. These were so painful and wearing that he was compelled to give up his performance. The Atlanta Constitution, John B. Gorman, proxy.

WASHINGTON, May 16, 1874.

The following is a letter from the Secretary of War in answer to a resolution of the House of March 26, in relation to the survey of the Oostanaula and Coosa-wa-ta rivers.

It was referred to the Committee on Com-

merce, and ordered to be printed:

WAR DEPARTMENT, March 20, 1874.

The Secretary of War has the honor to transmit to the House of Representatives

copy of a report of Captain L. Cooper, Over-

seer of Engineers, and chief of

Engineers, submitting the

House resolution of the 26th instant

requesting the Secretary of War to

furnish the House "any additional information he may have concerning the survey of the Oostanaula and Coosa-wa-ta rivers,

or any other information he may have concerning the survey of the Oostanaula and Coosa-wa-ta rivers."

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## PIONIERS.

## CONFEDERATE SURGEONS.

## LAWRENCE BAPTIST.

## First Baptist Session.

## Organization, Object, Committees, etc., etc.

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